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Tall Bearded Introductions from G

1954 Introduction

GOLD ANTHEM (Mimosa Gold X unknown) Douglas 1954, M.L. This golden yellow self has inherited a free blooming quality from its parent Mimosa Gold. A small light yellow area at the tip of its heavy brilliant orange-yellow beard adds to its individuality. The stalk has four branches plus terminal. The individual flowers have great substance and flaring form. Visitors to the 1948 Convention in Nashville will remember this iris as number 815B. Six years of testing have proven its worth. 40" **\$15.00**

Other Douglas Introductions

BILLET DOUX (G. Douglas 1946) E. M. This winsome little iris has a most intriguing form. The standards are cupped and not touching, the falls very flaring and turned up at the border. A soft blue self. 22 in. **\$2.00—3 for \$5.00**

BRIGHT HOUR (G. Douglas 1952) M. The closely cupped standards are silvery white, charmingly ruffled. The beard is clear yellow. The falls are velvety purple with a clear ruffled border of white extending two-thirds of the way around the falls. H. C., A.I.S. 1948. H. M., A.I.S. 1953. 36 in. **\$15.00**

CAROUSEL (G. Douglas 1948) M. The medley of magenta, violet, and gold is so skilfully combined that the color effect is bright lavender-rose. The heavy orange beard accentuates the boldness of pattern. Strong stalks, and great freedom of bloom. H. M., A.I.S. 1948. 44 in. **\$2.00**

COLONIAL DAME (G. Douglas 1950) M. This charming light blue has an airy grace that will appeal to all iris lovers. The full, ruffled standards are firmly held, the flaring falls are crisp and firm with delightful ruffling at the edges. Floriferous with well branched stalks and vigorous growth. H. C., A.I.S. 1949. 36 in. **\$3.00**

CRITERION (G. Douglas 1951) M. L. The well domed standards are white, faintly veined with very pale blue; the semi-flaring falls are clear blue-violet with a distinct edging of white in sharp contrast to the center of the falls. A prolific bloomer, firm substance, strong, especially well branched stalks. H. M., A.I.S. 1952. 38 in. **\$12.00**

DRUM MAJOR (G. Douglas 1947) M. L. The falls of Ox-blood red, Ridgway are large and flaring, bordered with a lighter red that is the same color as the standards. The standards are very broad and roundly domed, with firm substance and clear color. The brighter red styles give an inner glow in pleasing contrast to the clean darker hafts and brown gold beard. 38". **\$3.00**

EXTRAVAGANZA (G. Douglas 1944) V. L. A handsome amoena with the standards white shading to cream at the base. The falls are a blending of copper, red, and deep violet with a velvety finish. A trim tailored flower of heavy substance. Vigorous growth. H. M., A.I.S. 1944. A. M., A.I.S. 1947. A. M., R.H.S. 1950. 40 in. **\$1.50**

GAYLORD (Douglas 1949) V. L. This large flowered Amoena was sold out the first year it was introduced, but now we have increased the stock to list it again in the catalog. Tall and distinctive, with broad white standards, and flaring falls of rich blue-violet, edged with a narrow border of white. A very handsome Amoena with wide hafts and thick orange beard. It blooms freely on sturdy three branched stalks. H. M., A.I.S. 1949. 40 in. **\$20.00**

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LATE SNOW (Douglas 1953) L. A very late flowering variety that blooms with Amandine and Extravaganza, thus prolonging the season of white iris in the garden. The firm substance blooms are pure white with just a suggestion of pale yellow in the beard. Tall, with wide branching it increases rapidly, and puts on a show in the late iris garden picture. 42 in. **\$12.50**

LELA DIXON (G. Douglas 1949) E. A seedling of Blue shimmer, it has lost the flexible stalk, but kept the color. The stalks have excellent branching. 36 in. **\$3.00**

OLYMPIAN (G. Douglas 1948) M. It is a bi-tone with perfectly domed standards of buff lightly blended with rose. The flaring and very broad falls are rosy brown with a deeper velvety flush of rose in the center. The flowers are very large of heavy thick substance, and have great weather resistance. 42 in. **\$3.00**

PAGAN GOLD (G. Douglas 1951) M. L. A very large self of rich clear yellow. Velvety texture. 8 to 10 flowers on well branched sturdy stalks. H. C., A.I.S. 1948. 40 in. **\$8.00**

PAGAN PRINCESS (G. Douglas 1948) M. The first deep rose with a tangerine beard. The full well formed flowers of rosy pink are in striking but pleasing contrast to the full tangerine beard. An iris of great individuality and a new color effect in the garden. H. M., A.I.S. 1948. 38 in. **\$2.50**

PAGAN ROYAL (G. Douglas 1951) M. A self with broad domed standards and large flaring rounded falls. The flower gives the effect of a glowing rich purple that is vivid and different from other dark purple iris. H. C., A.I.S. 1948. H. M., A.I.S. 1952. 40 in. **\$8.00**

PAGAN SUNSET (G. Douglas 1951) M. Golden orange, rose, apricot and copper are mingled to form a blending of the colors we see in a rosy sunset. 34 in. **\$6.00**

QUEEN'S TASTE (G. Douglas 1952) M. This excellent garden iris occurred as a by-product of amoena breeding. Its parentage is Criterion (Extravaganza X Wabash) X Olympian. One of its charms is its new and lovely combination of color. The well domed standards are lavender-pink with strong midrib. The semi-flaring falls are a rich tone of blended red. The color combination is most pleasing and the flowers have excellent carrying qualities in the garden. H. M., A.I.S., 1953. 38 in. **\$12.50**

SARAH GOODLOE (G. Douglas 1949) M. L. A long flower with arched and highly domed standards of deep maroon. The falls are semi-flaring of the same color as the standards. A very finished iris with excellent carrying quality in the garden. H. C., A.I.S. 1948. H. M., A.I.S. 1949. A. M., The Eng. Iris Soc. 1953. 38 in. **\$3.50**

SUE REVELL (Douglas 1953) M. L. A Flax Blue self with strong cupped standards, lightly ruffled, and so broad that they almost encircle the styles. The flaring falls are firmly textured and very wide at the hafts. Medium in height, and very free flowering. 30 in. **\$12.50**

TREASURE CHEST (Douglas 1953) M. L. The large saffron yellow blooms are semi-flaring and well proportioned with firm texture and smooth finish. Twelve or more flowers on exceptionally well branched stalks (4 branches and terminal) make this an ornate iris of great color value in the garden. 40 in. **\$12.50**

Announcement

The Introductions of JESSE E. WILLS

For many years the Introductions of Mr. Jesse E. Wills have been handled by Fairmount Gardens in Lowell, Mass. 1954 is no exception. However, many people in the south and west have expressed the desire to have their shipments made direct from Nashville thus cutting down the time of delivery.

This year Mr. Wills intended to make this announcement in the April American Iris Society Bulletin. Inadvertently the copy was misplaced and his ad was omitted. Brentwood Gardens takes this opportunity of bringing this information to you in its 1954 catalog.

Orders for Mr. Wills originations should go to either:

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Wills' Intro

1954 INTRODUCTIONS OF FAIRMOUNT GARDENS

RIGHT ROYAL—Wide rose-red self. Good color and form. 36 inches. Medium late. Display X (Prairie Sunset X Lancaster)\$15.00

ROSE GARLAND—A lighter rose self. Distinctive tone of color, some copper at haft, gold beard. A large flower on a tall stalk, vigorous grower. 37 inches. Midseason. Hoosier Sunrise X (Prairie Sunset X Lancaster)\$15.00

SCIMITAR—A very bright blend. A melody of brown, rose-copper, and blue with a yellow beard. Flaring form and good substance. 34 inches. Early. Auburn X Centurion\$20.00

SHILOH—A “different” blue bicolor. Medium-deep blue standards, darker blue-purple falls, good contrast with a bright yellow beard. Ruffled, flaring form. 35 inches. Late. Vatican Purple X Wabash. \$20.00

STARFIRE—Bright golden yellow with a lighter area on the falls. Exceedingly ruffled and flaring. Outstanding substance. 38 inches. Early mid-season. Star Shine X Ola Kala\$10.00

WELL CONTENT—A salmon-rose self blended with gold and copper. Bright yellow beard. Good form, branching, and substance. An excellent parent. 36 inches. Midseason to late. (Chosen X Conestoga) X (Prairie Sunset X Lancaster)\$10.00

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1953 INTRODUCTIONS

BLUE SERENE—Clear pale blue self, nice form, hardy, dependable bloomer. 40 inches. Midseason. Blue Rhythm X St. Regis. H. C. 1952; H. M. 1953. **\$12.50**

DEVOIR—A rose-pink and copper blend. Blooms freely over long period of time. 36 inches. Midseason. Hoosier Sunrise X (May Day X Aubanel). **\$8.00**

SILVER FLAME—Yellow amoena with good contrast, white standards and medium yellow falls. 36 inches. Early midseason. Fertile both ways. From two seedlings. **\$8.00**

SOFT ANSWER—Yellow amoena, creamy white standards, light yellow falls. Excellent form and carriage. No pollen but sets seed. 37 inches. Midseason. From two seedlings. H. M. 1953 .. **\$12.50**

SILVER FLAME and SOFT ANSWER both **\$16.50**

1952 INTRODUCTION

BELLE MEADE—A clean heavily marked blue and white plicata. Good form and branching. 36 inches. Mid-season. Blue Shimmer X Snow Crystal. H. C. 1950; H. M. 1952 **\$9.50**

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Small Wonder

(Helen McGregor X pumila blue)

This hybrid ranks as an outstanding iris regardless of classification. It is very blue with few if any markings to mar its beauty. The substance is very heavy and the flowers have long lasting qualities. A clear medium light blue self of very smooth texture. The standards are ruffled and erect. The falls are flaring. Three flowers to the stalk. 12-15 inches. E. **\$3.50**

Note: This iris is not included in the collection.

Tinkerbelle

(Helen McGregor X pumila blue)

This neat, flaring blue is slightly larger than the others from the cross. The flowers are stiff and ruffled. The standards are light Lobelia blue and the falls are heavily overlaid with deep Lobelia blue. The beard is white. Its vivid blue coloring makes it very conspicuous from a distance and it should prove valuable as an edging plant. Three flowers to the stalk. 12-15 inches.

Helen's Child

(Helen McGregor X pumila blue)

Many seedlings were raised from the cross of Helen McGregor X pumila blue. The remarkable results were due in great part to the complete spread of characteristics made possible by the embryo culture method. Helen's Child represents the fourth type of hybrid from the cross. No other seedling from this cross will be introduced. Helen's Child is a short powder blue self and is very floriferous. White beard. 12-15 inches.

Hybrid

as for 1954

Pogo

(red tall bearded seedling X pumila yellow)

This bright and cheery Lilliput is a pleasant spring surprise. It is a bright chrome yellow self with a reddish brown thumb print in the center of the falls. Taller than most, it will exceed 15 inches in most seasons.

Picture Yellow

(yellow tall bearded seedling X yellow pumila)

Delightful and different, this hybrid is a two-toned yellow when it first opens with the standards lighter than the falls. As the flower develops the standards bleach almost white giving the effect somewhat of a yellow amoena. 10 inches.

Merry Maker

(Minnie Colquitt X pumila violet)

This bright wine-red is rich and colorful. The effect is set off by a brilliant yellow beard. Three well formed flowers with no crowding gives this iris great garden value.

Dark Star

(Gulf Stream X pumila blue)

The blue purple of Gulf Stream is reproduced in this floriferous hybrid. There are no markings and the beard is harmonious. 12 inches.

Dear Friends--

To those of you who did not receive the 1953 folder from Brentwood Gardens I would like to explain what I mean by Lilliput Hybrids. I personally have always liked small irises. They have definite use in the garden, and every garden whether an iris garden or not needs a good early blooming perennial flower. I have never been satisfied with the old type dwarfs. Efforts to produce intermediates from them when crossed with tall bearded met with little success.

Some years ago my friend, Mr. Paul Cook, sent me pollen of a new form of true pumila. This placed upon tall bearded varieties has produced a new type of hybrid. They are very short in stature, running from 8 to 16 inches. Most of them have two terminal flowers and one side branch. In shape and substance they follow the pattern of the tall bearded parent. They are fertile among themselves and to either parent. This quality should make these small irises valuable in transmitting the factors of hardiness and floriferousness to our modern tall bearded strains, two qualities which are sorely needed.

The Lilliputs bloom in the period between the early dwarfs and the early tall beardeds. They have the habit of making multiple bloom stalks as the season progresses which gives them a long season of bloom.

Try them for the rock garden. They will make compact round clumps which bloom at tulip time. Try them for edgings, or in the perennial border. Try them above all, if you are interested in hybridizing, as something new and different. There seems to be no limit to the variations which are possible from their combinations.

As we did last year we are pricing these introductions very low and due to a shortage of stock of our 1953 introductions we are making no change from last year's prices.

Sincerely yours,

Geddes Douglas

Lilliput Hybrid Iris

Garnet Treasure (SOLD OUT FOR 1954)

(Minnie Colquitt X pumila violet)

This little flower makes a carpet of blooms slightly above the foliage. It is a bitone. The standards are light wine red and the flaring falls are deep garnet. There is a wide border around the falls the color of the standards. Three flowers. Beard tipped white. Very showy. Midseason to Late. Fragrant. 8 - 10 inches.

Happy Thought

((Mme Louis Aureau X Virgin) X Hall yellow
X Sonny Boy) X pumila yellow)

A soft sulphur yellow self. No markings mar this little gem. The falls flare. The stalk has a bi-lateral terminal and one adjacent branch. Happy Thought is somewhat similar to Baria in color, but has a much earlier season of bloom. It is very floriferous and the color effect is pleasing. Midseason. Fragrant. 10 - 12 inches.

Lilliput (SOLD OUT FOR 1954)

(Helen McGregor X pumila blue)

The tall bearded parent has given to these intermediates a purity of color never before seen in small irises. The flowers are nicely ruffled and flared. The falls are light Lobelia blue overlaid with a prominent spot of deep Lobelia blue. The standards are light Lobelia blue. Two terminal flowers, Midseason to Late, Lilliput has a very long season of bloom. White Beard. Fragrant. 15 inches.

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Introductions of 1953

Little Shadow

(Gulf Stream X pumila violet)

This is a deep blue-purple self with a beard to match. The flower and stalk are in perfect proportion. There are usually three flowers, two at the terminal and one on a lower branch, though sometimes a second branch produces a fourth flower. The falls flare horizontally and the petal tip curls downward. The terminal flowers are at the top of the foliage. Very Early through Mid-season. Fragrant. 12 inches.

Pagan Midget

(Gulf Stream X pumila violet)

This is a stunning red-purple self with an almost black overlay of velvet around the haft. The conspicuous beard is light blue. The two terminal flowers are carried at the top of the foliage and the third flower is rather hidden by the leaves. This variety is very floriferous and is the latest to bloom of these introductions. It begins Midseason and lasts to the first of the tall bearded. Fragrant. 12 inches.

Pigmy Gold

(Orange Glow X pumila yellow)

This is a very brilliant yellow self with good form and habit. The color is a bright chrome, and the flaring falls are very velvety. In Tennessee it is most unusual, beginning to bloom with the first of the dwarfs and lasting until the tall bearded open. The first stalks are scarcely five inches tall; later as the weather begins to warm up more and more stalks are made. These last stalks will reach a height of 10 to 12 inches. Beard chrome yellow. Very fragrant.

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